

11/22/2011  
9:00a.m. PT  
12:00p.m. EST

OWS Fact Finding Meeting

Attendees (physical and spiritual)

Rufus de Rham  
Marie Lascu  
Dan Erdman  
Rebecca Fraimow

Howard Besser  
Chela Scott Weber- Tamiment  
Rick Prelinger- Internet Archive  
Alexis Rossi- Internet Archive  
Kristine Hanna- Internet Archive  
David Millman- Digital Library Tech at NYU  
Grace Lile- Witness  
Jimi Jones- Library of Congress  
Sharon Leon- Center for History and New Media

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Howard asks everyone to briefly talk about what they are currently doing that is OWS related:

Alexis Rossi:

- Her team created keyword-based collection on archive.org
- Gathers anything with "OWS" or "Occupy Wall Street" as key word
- Anyone can upload with right keyword
- They have been grabbing any information from YouTube and Flickr with OWS keywords and Creative Commons licenses

Kristine Hanna:

- Currently ad hoc grabbing by individual team members
- Do not yet have an official collection
- Team in favor of pursuing official collection
- Will speak further with Alexis and Rick
- In the past when they've captured content around events they have asked for subject matter experts and curators to help with selection of which sites to crawl

Sharon Leon:

- Launched site a month ago at OccupyArchive.org
- Running on contributed labor of graduate students and staff

- Making their way through list of sites posted on occupytogether (around 500)
- Chronbot grabbing Flickr for CC licenses
- Gathering "by hand" web snap shots and documents
- Adding metadata and pushing content into omecca
- There is a collecting portal where users can upload content

David Millman:

- Tam/Wag has relationship with ThinkTank of OWS
- Have supplied them with zoom audio recorders and chips to record sessions everyday
- Swap chips once a week, audio only

Chela Scott Weber:

- Trying to establish relationship with Media team and Archive team
- Want to collect physical and digital items from movement
- Want to use web archiving service (California Digital Library) to crawl OWS websites
- No public interface for that, restrictions for 6 months
- Still evolving

Grace Lile:

- Not collecting
- Involvement is ad hoc
- Witness has made contact with OWS Media team
- Put together best practices flyer for filming and some archival metadata issues
- May be doing trainings in the future for activist filming

Jimi Jones:

- LoC not doing anything specifically
- He and his wife have been doing video documentation on K Street
- She has put stuff on YouTube
- Wants to see how to engage library in all of this

Rufus de Rham:

- Working on metadata tests, testing what metadata is stripped or not stripped through various uploading sites- YouTube, Vimeo, Internet Archive
- YouTube- looks like if original file is uploaded it maintains most of technical information
- Trying to figure out how to capture live stream

Marie Lascu:

- Best practices for video content creators
- Working with Yvonne Ng of Witness
- Next step to make best practices for collectors

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- Howard: Asks if anyone is in contact with livestream people, wants to see if material can be collected
  - o Chela: Michael Nash may be in contact with them, she will investigate
- Howard: Common requirements for collectors so far seem to be 1. Tagging around OWS keywords, 2. CC licenses
  - o Alexis: Most important thing is finding good websites to crawl
  - o Sharon and Alexis grab things from where people have posted
  - o Sharon- Publicity would help to inform people on where and how they can contribute material
  - o Alexis: Would prefer direct upload, they can upload larger files ensuring better quality, have called out for material through FB and Twitter (10-11,000 members)
- Howard: NYU peeps preparing publicity- best practices for potential videographers/oral historians- lead to an app?
- Howard: What other metadata could collectors use? Geolocation?
  - o Sharon: Their collections geolocated by city if from Flickr or self-tagged
  - o Rufus: Is activating gps on iphone and android before uploading- will try to find where metadata is stored
- Kristine- asks Jimi- In past she has worked with Abby Grecki(sp?) whose team has come up with a website for them to capture on
  - o Jimmy- works with Abby, will reach out to her
  - o Sharon- talked to Abby a month ago, seemed like nothing major going on...yet.

Sharon- happy to participate, will send contact info. Had to leave at 12:30p.m.

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#### Draft Guidelines discussion:

- Rick: Contributing text for 'Why Archive' document to bridge gap between people who collect and create, a broader document
- Howard: Many documents floating around. Guidelines are separate from why you should do it. WHY ARCHIVE fits on a postcard that could get handed out.
- ?Rick or Howard: Convince people who may be shooting/recording why they should share, make available, and put in archive
- ?David: Guidelines should apply to both audio and video
- ?: People are also taking minutes and notes- should we capture that?
- Chela: Think Tank people asked about file naming conventions, associating objects around main events

- Jimi: file formats, codecs etc. should be in collector's best practices, don't want to scare people off.
  - o Alexis: Give us the highest quality format you can
  - o Howard-: say "if you have a choice, choose this or that..."

Rick had to leave at 12:39p.m.

- Chela- State from the archive's perspective that we don't care if it's raw or edited footage
- Kristine- Where is the call to action for people to send to websites and the metadata needed?
  - o For collector's best practice- Where are the best places to crawl
  - o Yvonne and Rufus to bring that up to Media committee- places that they have put things on and places that they have noticed things on.
- ?Jimi: Rights/Security section- NY based, maybe mention other places or be less specific- shouldn't be NY based
- Might be best to simply mention that people need to self-inform prior to heading out

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Other comments:

- Kristine: asked if this kind of conference call is done on regular basis
- Howard: first call with a broad base, explains how NYU folk have been meeting once a week, talking with Tamiment people, meeting with OWS archive people
  - o If people want we can continue meeting on regular basis with broad group- people seemed mostly interested
  - o Once a month, and emergency meetings when necessary
  - o Talk to Kelly about adding people to googlegroup, having tech difficulties
- Next meeting Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 9:00a.mPT/Noon EST
- Best Practices drafts in two weeks

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Conclusion:

- Grace: Has anyone reached out to Queens College archive program?
- Chela: a couple grads working with Tamiment
- Grace: would like to do a blog post, have MIAP guest blogger, do description of project, have best practices up- let her know who is interested
- Howard: if anyone can identify other projects, they should be invited
- Rufus: contacted by NYU4OW group, will reach out and see what their interest is
- Chela: talked to NYU4OW group
- Rufus: working on Why Archive video (with Rick or talked to Rick?)
- Jimi: would be willing to distribute flyers in D.C.

- Rufus: Occupied groups have printing budgets for flyers

Howard- wrap up

- Anyone who wants to be added to NY list, email Howard
- We have Dec 20 phone call scheduled
- Send minutes out asap!!